

LENINE KNEW BOMB AIMED AT MORGAN

Lindenfeld Also Discussed
Plot With Trotsky, Al-
tendorf Asserts.

MAY BE BROUGHT HERE

Fears Poles Will Kill Him for
His Anti-Revolutionist
Activities.

WARSAW, Dec. 19 (Associated Press).—Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, arrested here at the instance of the American secret service for alleged connection with the Wall Street bomb explosion of September, 1920, has made three written statements to the police, one of which, in English, covers his activities for the last sixteen years.

Silvester Cosgrove, the operative who brought about Lindenfeld's arrest, yesterday cabled the American Department of Justice the name of a blacksmith who, according to Lindenfeld, manufactured the bomb and engineered the details of the explosion. Cosgrove declared that Lindenfeld's confession corroborates his previous statements that the plot was financed in Moscow, and that the motive was to kill J. P. Morgan, striking terror into America and showing the world that Wall Street was not beyond defiance. (At the time of the explosion Mr. Morgan was in England.) Polish authorities are particularly interested in Lindenfeld's Russian connections in 1908. They claim he was then active in the Polish Social Democratic party opposing Russian rule, but that he turned traitor to the Poles, joining the Russian secret service and working against the Polish revolutionaries. These activities on his part became so widespread that eventually they were exposed, and he fled to America.

Worked Against Poles.
Lindenfeld's statement regarding his movements since March of this year, now in the hands of the Polish political police, is said to show he has been working against the Poles again, this time in cooperation with the Russian Communists.

According to Paul Bernado Altendorf, who is said to have trailed Lindenfeld to Warsaw, Lindenfeld made a statement to the effect that when he was in Moscow last August he talked with Nikolai Lenin, Soviet Premier, and Leon Trotsky, Soviet War Minister, with reference to the explosion. J. P. Morgan's name was mentioned in this conversation, according to the alleged statement. Altendorf says, the statement adds, that Lindenfeld attended a secret session of the Third Internationale when the explosion was discussed and that he heard talk of plans for further bombing in America. Altendorf says Lindenfeld would go further into the plots as conceived for execution in America if he were permitted to reach the United States. He says Lindenfeld has agreed to tell the entire bomb details as he declared he had heard them discussed in Moscow, including additional plans to kill Mr. Morgan.

As the interrelated details unfold themselves concerning Lindenfeld's activities in America and Europe, Cosgrove and Altendorf say they have proof that Lindenfeld was a paid Soviet agent and that he admits serving Moscow in more ways than one in various countries.

Tells of Life Here.
Recounting his past to Polish secret service operatives, who are with Lindenfeld day and night, the prisoner is reported to have recalled events as far back as 1903, when he was first active politically, this being the year when the Russians held the upper hand. At intervals Lindenfeld is said to continue to make statements, supplementing some previous assertions and correcting or modifying others. His statements are said to cover all his New York connections, his acquaintances with men and several women named by him as principals in the explosion plot and why he left New York, believing he was under suspicion.

According to Altendorf, Lindenfeld relates how he conceived his plan to go to Moscow and for what purpose.

They say he gives details of how he went to Danzig and purchased a forged passport for \$7, how he attended the Third Internationale secret meetings in Moscow, interviewed leaders, learned much there, including the International's plans for the future, inquired for Emma Goldman and talked with Big Bill Haywood. Haywood is said to have asked him many questions regarding American affairs, telling Lindenfeld he was planning a trip to Mexico as soon as convenient.

Poland and the United States have no extradition treaty, but as Lindenfeld has expressed eagerness to return to the United States it is believed this matter can be arranged, providing the Poles do not object. The Poles have not announced what charges they will file against Lindenfeld.

The police assert Lindenfeld fears for his life owing to the many conflicting interests involved in the case and that he has begged the American authorities to get him out of the country quickly and secretly.

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BURNS WANTS WORD FROM AGENTS FOR BOMB ARRESTS

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he was known here, was in Room 1202 on the twelfth floor. He was then operating under the name of the International Slavic Labor Press Bureau which he moved from time to time, but apparently kept longer in the building where Martin was than anywhere else. He represented himself to be correspondent for a group of Polish papers interested in the labor movement. He was a busybody at many labor conventions, great and small. Two years ago he bobbed up at the national convention of the American Federation of Labor in Atlantic City as the representative, so he said, of a group of radical papers. He wore a noisy suit and bright colored gloves, swung a fancy cane and talked incessantly.

The character which many of Lindenfeld's East Side acquaintances and even his cronies have given him—that of an unreliable braggart—is his true one, according to his wife. He married her fourteen years ago, but he left her alone a good deal. She lives at 510 West 148th street with their two children, Fabian, 5 years old, and Ruth, 12.

"I know he had nothing to do with the explosion," she said. "He hasn't the nerve to take such a risk. He isn't an anarchist, but would wave a red flag all day if there was any money in it. A month after the Wall Street explosion I had no money for rent and was evicted from a house in Second avenue. Certainly if he had any money he wouldn't have let me be put into the street, bad as he is. He provided so little that I have had to go out as a clothing worker to support the family."

She said she didn't know what her husband did during his long absences from home. She only knew that he returned quite often to see the children. She said she did not know he was employed by the Burns agency or the Department of Justice and wouldn't have believed him if he had said so. She last saw him in February, the day before he went to Poland. He told her he would visit the old home in Poland and bring back his father and mother.

Mrs. Lindenfeld added that women friends at Socialist campaign headquarters had told her her husband was a spy, but whether this was true or not she had no means of knowing. The only radicalism in him that she knew about

was restricted to his membership in the Socialist organization of the Eighth Assembly District.

Aided Police in Old Bomb Cases.

Police Headquarters denied yesterday that it had ever used Lindenfeld in any capacity, but the fact appears to be that eight or nine years ago he did give the police some "stool pigeon" information. Clothing factories were being bombed at that time; conservative and radical unions were at war. Lindenfeld wormed himself into a radical union, and his predictions, verified in the occurrence of explosions, caused the police to take an interest in him. But when the police set a trap based on information he gave Lindenfeld was the only man caught in it. The police then dropped him.

Thereafter he gave information to the Burns agency. Mr. Burns says he knew all about the man's record, but found some of the information he supplied accurate and valuable. In June, 1920, Mr. Burns says, Lindenfeld told him that the Communists were preparing a big bombing demonstration, but had no details.

Lindenfeld then disappeared. Several weeks after the Wall Street explosion he was found. He said he knew about the plot and could find out more. As evidence of good faith he led Burns's men to stores where he said chemicals and scrap iron for the Wall Street bomb had been obtained. The storekeepers verified this, but could not remember how the purchases looked. Later the Government got evidence in a raid that Lindenfeld was a Soviet agent, and as he said the bomb plotters had the backing of the Third Internationale he was thought to be a good man to send to Russia and run them down.

The only man to be found yesterday in the Russian Soviet offices at 110 West Fortieth street was Charles Recht, who was "Ambassador" Martens's counsel, and says now he is the authorized Soviet agent in the United States. Mr. Recht said:

"I never knew Lindenfeld, and never heard of him until he was arrested in Warsaw. I am sure Mr. Martens never knew him. Of course, neither Mr. Martens nor anybody connected with the Soviet bureau paid \$30,000 or any other sum for the Wall Street explosion, or knew anything about it. I believe the whole story is framed to cause distrust of the Soviet Government and its leaders among American business men who are

about to enter into important Russian contracts."

The lessee of the building at 100 West Fortieth street in which, according to dispatches from Warsaw, the blacksmith who made the bomb was paid off, was found last night. He is George Sapronas, proprietor of the Columbia Restaurant at 2284 Eighth avenue. At the time of the Wall Street bomb explosion he had the International Hotel at the Fortieth street address. But there was a restaurant on the ground floor, and really no hotel, he said last night—only the rooms on the three floors rented to various persons and industries whose names he did not recall.

The present proprietor of the International Hotel, Michael Poppas, is a subtenant of Sapronas. Sapronas was positive that no blacksmith got any money in his building for manufacturing bombs.

Quiet in Wall Street.

Police Headquarters sent sixteen detectives and several times that many uniformed men into the financial district yesterday. The Stock Exchange, the

banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., the United States Sub-Treasury and Assay Office and other buildings had special guards. Here and there persons carrying Christmas bundles had to stop and give an account of themselves. A few lawyers with over fat brief cases were also politely held up. A red truck toiling up Wall street with a bright blue barrel as its load was halted and scrutinized and the barrel found to contain gasoline for which a little engine in a building under construction was even then yearning. Tourists stopping to gaze at the wonders of the street were advised to keep moving. J. P. Morgan's car stopped in front of his office at 19:30 P. M. and he got out and walked into the office, all alone and apparently easy of mind. Business went on as usual.

And that's all the "bomb scare" amounted to. Because Charles T. Morgan, a broker, formerly of 25 Broad street, now of 3 Rector street, had received a letter saying that everything within five blocks of the Stock Exchange was to be blown up yesterday the afore-

mentioned precautions were taken. The warning was not taken seriously, but on the chance that there might be something in it all the bomb detecting machinery of the city and national Governments was ready.

LEO'S CHARGE CONSIDERED.
Magistrate Marsh in Washington Heights court reserved decision yesterday on the charge by John P. Leo, former Street Cleaning Commissioner, against David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, of giving false information to the press. Briefs were submitted and the Magistrate said if a complaint was ordered Mr. Hirschfeld would be notified to be in court.


\$50 FOR CRUELTY TO TURKEYS.

Five Arrests and Two Men Fined in Buffalo Court.

BUFFALO, Dec. 19. — Shipping live Christmas turkeys and geese in crates too small for them resulted in the arrest of five men here to-day on complaint of the Humane Society. Three demanded jury trials and were remanded.

Lyle Gibson of Onsted, Mich., and Malcolm Woodley of Brussels, Ont., were convicted in City Court and fined \$50 each. The turkeys were unable to stand when released from their cramped quarters, the Humane Society officer testified.

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